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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As an organic farmer who grew up on the Western Slope of Colorado in a small mining town and now a principal of a full scale local small farming operation, I am writing to ask you to support LightSquared to bring broadband to rural America. I want to point out that industrial farms that use advance GPS already get government support—small farmer's do not, which puts us at a competitive disadvantage.

Denying broadband to small farmers, is in fact siding with industrial farmers over small farmers. If you deny broadband in rural areas that is favoring large scale industrial farmers who utilize GPS. Those of us who live and work in small organic farming have experienced firsthand the severe disadvantage of insufficient access to high-speed wireless broadband.

We are very excited about LightSquared's plan to bring real, new wireless broadband capabilities to our communities. The commitment that LightSquared has made to complete broadband is essential to our future economic success. I'm sure I speak for many small farmers when I say that we want the FCC to do everything possible to help make this new service a reality.

We understand that there is some questions about LightSquared and GPS interests. But we feel strongly the FCC needs to help resolve those issues. Thank you for working to remove the technical hurdles that stand in the way of LightSquared's innovative new network.

Best regards,

Kyle Ward